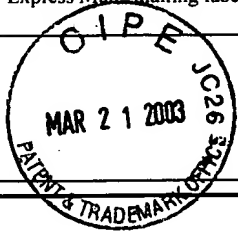


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	First Named Inventor	Tatsumaro Yamashita	
Examiner Name	Jennifer M Dolan		
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This is a request for a ☒ continuation or ☐ divisional application under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(d), (continued prosecution application (CPA)) of prior application number 09/478,582, filed June 6, 2000, entitled OPTICAL DISK CARTRIDGE.

NOTES

FILING QUALIFICATIONS: The prior application identified above must be a nonprovisional application that is either: (1) complete as defined by 37 C.F.R. § 1.51(b), or (2) the national stage of an international application in compliance with 35 U.S.C. § 371..

C-I-P NOT PERMITTED: A continuation-in-part application cannot be filed as a CPA under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(d), but must be filed under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b).

EXPRESS ABANDONMENT OF PRIOR APPLICATION: The filing of this CPA is a request to expressly abandon the prior application as of the filing date of the request for a CPA. 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b) must be used to file a continuation, divisional, or continuation-in-part of an application that is not to be abandoned.

ACCESS TO PRIOR APPLICATION: In a CPA, no reference to the prior application is needed in the first sentence of the specification and none should be submitted. If a sentence referencing the prior application is submitted, it will not be entered. A request for a CPA is the specific request required by 35 U.S.C. § 120 and to every application assigned the application number identified in such request, 37 C.F.R. § 1.78(a).

1. ☒ Enter the unentered amendment previously filed on December 18, 2002 under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 in the prior nonprovisional application.
2. ☐ A preliminary amendment is enclosed.
3. This application is filed by fewer than all the inventors named in the prior application, 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(d)(4).
 - a. ☐ **DELETE** the following inventor(s) named in the prior nonprovisional application: _____
 - b. ☐ The inventor(s) to be deleted are set forth on a separate sheet attached hereto.
4. ☐ A new power of attorney or authorization of agent is enclosed.
5. Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) is enclosed:
 - a. ☐ PTO-1449
 - b. ☐ Copies of IDS Citations

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				BASIC FEE (37 C.F.R. § 1.16(a))	750.00
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				TOTAL =	\$750.00

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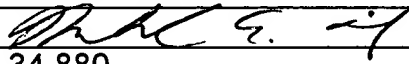
- a. ☐ A small entity statement is enclosed.
- b. ☐ A small entity statement was filed in the prior nonprovisional application and such status is still proper and desired.
- c. ☐ Is no longer claimed.

7. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to credit overpayments or charge the following fees to

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- a. ☒ Fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16.
- b. ☐ Fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17.
- c. ☐ Fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.18.
8. ☒ A check in the amount of \$ 750 is enclosed.
9. ☒ Other: Petition for Extension of Time, including Check of \$930.00 (extension fee).

NOTE: *The prior application's correspondence address will carry over to this CPA UNLESS a new correspondence address is provided.*

10. SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT REQUIRED	
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In re Application of:

Tatsumaro Yamashita

Serial No.: 09/478,582

Filing Date: January 6, 2000

For: OPTICAL DISC CARTRIDGE

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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the final Office Action dated September 27, 2002, in the above-referenced case, please reconsider the rejection in view of the amendment and remarks presented herein. Please amend the application as follows:

In the Claims:

Please cancel claim 2.